national teams. Government of India makes payment for pocket money only for tournaments such as Olympics/Asian/Commonwealth Games and the concerned NSF is required to make such payment for other exposures out of their own resources. Selection of coach and manager is part of the internal functioning of IHF. If IHF seeks payment of the remuneration to coaches, it has to follow Government norms for the same.

As far as the issue of post retirement benefits to hockey players is concerned the Ministry has informed the Olympians about the Pension scheme for meritorious sports persons being operated by the Ministry. Regarding financial irregularities, they have been informed that requisite permission has been issued to Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG) for audit of accounts of NSFs getting assistance exceeding Rs. 1 crore in a year and IHF is one of them. Moreover, this Ministry releases the second instalment of assistance of an NSF only on submission of audited accounts of the first instalment.

Honour for sports talent

284. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about media reports about outstanding performance of Indian Sportswoman, Ms. Sania Mirza;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to develop the rare sports talent with a view to encourage youth of the country to actively participate in sports and games to bring our sports standards to the Olympic level; and

(c) what honour has been bestowed on our proven sports talent, especially the females in the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports implements the following schemes for development of talent and promotion of sports:-

(i) Special Awards to Medals Winners in International Sports Events and Their Coaches;

(ii) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award;

(iii) Arjuna Awards;

(iv) National Sports Development Fund;

(v) Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious sportspersons;

(vi) Scheme Relating to Talent Search and Training;

(vii) Assistance to National Sports Federations;

(viii) Rural Sports Programme;

(ix) Promotion of Sports and Games in Schools;

(x) Sports Scholarship Scheme; and

(xi) National Sports Championship for Women

In addition, Sports Authority of India implements the following schemes:-

(i) National Sports Talent Contest

(ii) Army Boys Sports Company

(iii) Centre of Excellence

(iv) Special Area Games

Ms. Sania Mirza was bestowed with Arjuna Award 2004 this year. In addition the Government of India has given Special Awards, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards and Arjuna Awards to other female sportspersons for their excellent performance in the International Sports Competitions. List of some talented women sports persons who have been honoured is given in the statement.

Statement

List of talented women sportspersons honoured for excellent performance

Sl. No.	Name of the sportspersons	Discipline	Name of the Award	Year of the Award
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Smt. Anjali Bhagwat	Shooting	Special Awards	2003
2.	Ms. Sania Mirza	Tennis	Special Awards	2003
3.	Ms. Neelam J. Singh	Athletics	Special Awards	2003
4.	Smt. Anju Bobby George	Athletics	Special Awards	2003
5.	Smt. Anjali Bhagwat	Shooting	Special Awards	2004
6.	Smt. Anju Bobby George	Athletics	Special Awards	2004

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7.	Ms. Neelam J. Singh	Athletics	Special Awards	2004
8.	Ms. Sania Mirza	Tennis	Special Awards	2005
9.	Ms Anita Chanu	Judo	Special Awards	2005
10.	Ms. Archana	Judo	Special Awards	2005
11.	Ms. Shweta Chaudhary	Shooting	Special Awards	2005
12.	Ms. Suma Shirur	Shooting	Special Awards	2005
13.	Ms. Arti Singh Rao	Shooting	Special Awards	2005
14.	Smt. Anju Bobby George	Athletics	Arjuna Award	2002
15.	Smt. Saraswati Saha	Athletics	Arjuna Award	2002
16.	Smt. Mamta Kharab	Hockey	Arjuna Award	2002
17.	Ms. Suma Sidharth Shirur	Shooting	Arjuna Award	2002
18.	Ms. Montu Ghosh	Table Tennis	Arjuna Award	2002
19.	Smt. Soma Biswas	Athletics	Arjuna Award	2003
20.	Smt. Madhuri Saxena	Athletics	Arjuna Award	2003
21.	Km. Mangte Chungeijang Marykorn	Boxing	Arjuna Award	2003
22.	Km. Koneru Humpy	Chess	Arjuna Award	2003
23.	Km. Mithali Raj	Cricket	Arjuna Award	2003
24.	Km. Suraj Lata Devi	Hockey	Arjuna Award	2003
25.	Ms. Sania Mirza	Tennis	Arjuna Award	2004
26.	Ms. J.J. Shobha	Athletics	Arjuna Award	2004
27.	Ms. Innocent Helen Mary	Hockey	Arjuna Award	2004
28.	Ms. Angom Anita Chanu	Judo	Arjuna Award	2004
29.	Smt. Deepàli A. Deshpande	Shooting	Arjuna Award	2004
30.	Ms. K.M. Beenamol Ms. Anjali R. Bhagwat (Joint Winners)	Athletics Shooting	Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award	2002
31.	Smt. Anju Bobby George	Athletics	Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award	2003